

THE STAR OF MAN'S OWN GENIUS

Dear Aspirant:

Deep within every soul there is that which has called it into being, and this cannot be but imperfectly represented by whatever genius of the race or world at large it expresses as price for an outward and superficial existence. There are of course some exceptional individuals of every age who make manifest among men a racial power of the sort that must equal or exceed the real potentialities inherent in their own being, but this sort of an incarnation is a sacrifice and of it there is nothing to be said of value to the average individual, who in his own experience finds life a hampering rather than uplifting influence. Perhaps a sacrifice of this sort is desirable, and if so we might well aspire to it. But obviously it is as limiting in one way, as far as obtaining a conscious mastery of life is concerned, as usual experience may be seen to be in the other. Man normally desires that his own genius will flourish, and to this end not only must he give of himself to life but life also must give of itself to him and this must always be a matter of real reciprocity if balance be preserved.

The star of man's own genius is that which he brings out from the depths of his own being, not as payment to life for a continuance of his present relationship with life but as the bid or offer to life for a greater and richer living. There is here no sacrifice because he gains to the extent that he gives, and gives to the extent he gains. Man here asks for a greater conditioning at the hands of life and offers a greater service to make this fair to life. Thus what he seeks is not the outward certification but the inward reality so given certification in order to discover himself absolutely or independently and to take his place forever in a genuine cosmic citizenship.

Yours in the fellowship of the spirit,

MARC EDMUND JONES

Stanwood, Washington 98292, July 1, 2013

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THE AFFIRMATIONS FOR LAST WEEK AND THIS

Health: My being is the shrine of indwelling light and love.

Prosperity: My riches have their source in God's abundance.

Happiness: I now have found the sunshine of divine compassion.

GENUINE COSMIC CITIZENSHIP

Dear Aspirant:

To discover selfhood absolutely, and to know all reality in a spiritual rather than material fashion, is the goal of all occult work. Therefore it is obvious that whenever a man has achieved this, even to a slight degree, he has been rendered independent of all bondage to ordinary conditioning agencies in life, and certainly to everything that in his former condition of being had been of value from the point of view of discipline and training. The values in life that in a larger way are independent of all change in circumstance or point of view are those related to the eternal selfhood, and they are valueless in training and discipline. They are helpful at the best and in general or at the worst are the taken-for-granted references of basic being such as blood relationship and association with social obligation. If man is to continue to be he must graduate constantly from mere conditioning agencies in life. School is graded and life, as it becomes a school for man, is graded similarly. This is explanation of social readjustments, whether the wholly natural ones such as a child leaving its home to go its own way or artificial ones such as divorce. In an occult group in consequence, when the entire effort is to initiate the members, there must be some species of graduation to the next superior agency capable of taking each seeker in each case to some further goal if there is not to be stagnation, upset in the group and bitterness.

Under the Solar Mysteries, in order that the fruits of a real association of seeking souls may forever be good, there is always a discipline which provides for graduation automatically and then also the fellowship in which everyone participates irrespective of state or stage of cosmic citizenship. This is practice in self-presence.

Yours in the fellowship of the spirit,

MARC EDMUND JONES

Stanwood, Washington 98292, July 8, 2013

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THE AFFIRMATIONS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT

Health: I enter the temple of self with reverence.

Prosperity: I meet the life of everyday with never-ceasing interest.

Happiness: My inner self responds to every outer joy.

THE PRACTICE OF SELF-PRESENCE

Dear Aspirant:

Adulthood obviously is relative. And yet the adulthood or maturity actually achieved by a man is the entire basis of his conscious or responsible being. The savage may be a child to the trader who brings him trinkets for treasure, the trader in turn a child to an aristocrat or sophisticated member of the firm employing him, and this man of affairs similarly a child to some philosopher or giant of mind. Actually every man is a child in the light of his own potentiality and an adult in the light of his experience. Because experience must remain an uneven and discriminating or separating element among men, and because potentiality by the same token is eternally a unifying element working against separation and discrimination, spiritual work deals in terms of potentiality. The genuine cosmic citizenship of man is that association among souls in which each sees only the potentialities and eternal realities in the others, and this fellowship of an occult body with deep inspiration is based on the adulthood of its members without consideration of the sort or kind of experience producing the maturity or giving the individual his root sense of confidence in himself.

Apart from the valuable and necessary discipline of true initiation, which the occult group must provide directly or indirectly in one way or another, the purpose of spiritual association is that an individual may have opportunity to practice self-presence and exercise adulthood and spiritual competency. He must know he possesses a real power, that within him is that which leads others to appreciate him or joy in his company, and that his inner reality is sure or possessed of spiritual integrity. Experience tends to force man to further growth whereas spirituality permits the enjoyment now of enduring perfection.

Yours in the fellowship of the spirit,

MARC EDMUND JONES

Stanwood, Washington 98292, July 15, 2013

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Health: I enter the temple of self with reverence.

Prosperity: I meet the life of everyday with never-ceasing interest.

Happiness: My inner self responds to every outer joy.

THE ENJOYMENT NOW OF ENDURING PERSPECTIVE

Dear Aspirant:

With this letter I end a long series of discussions that have afforded me the greatest pleasure in the writing, and that I hope have brought you equal pleasure in the reading. There are always the times when it is necessary to prepare the Sabian materials long in advance, and so often as in this case there will be far more than a week in my thinking intervening between the letter you receive for one Monday and the one that comes to you in regular course for the next. It is my desire, in consequence, to stress every continuity. Perfection as this may prove to be enduring, and as it may be enjoyed now, is the thought that I hold in mind for all the group during the months when I must be engrossed in other avenues of the channelship, and I hope that you will be able to report that blue letters prepared long in advance, at the time of their first issue and so now again in spirit, prove indeed to present a creative reflection of the current potentialities.

And may we increasingly feel the power and privilege and joy of our invisible fellowship! Through forty letters we have worked together towards an understanding of what this association means to us, individually and collectively, and the time is here to make it enduringly manifest. Perfection dependent upon the trivial and surface elements of life is fallible. Perfection ingrained in deeper fellowship of those whose out-of-self relations are always perfect in appreciation is a perfection that endures and that may always be enjoyed in the here and now. The tangible elements of life are of supreme worth but their worth is symbolical in their implication to every individual and to men in general. Let us not be in bondage to things during the pregnant times ahead of all of us! Let us live in a deeper truth!

Yours in the fellowship of the spirit,

MARC EDMUND JONES

Stanwood, Washington 98292, July 22, 2013

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THE AFFIRMATIONS FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT

Health: Within my body the healing peace of God abides.

Prosperity: My ambitions are sustained in the highest realization.

Happiness: I am free from bondage to the world of transient things.